कार्यविधि के अनुसार सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा लागत वृद्धि अनुमोदित की जाती है।

Research and development on fusion

3112. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Research and Development work on fusion is being conducted at the BARC and at the Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Experimental and theoretical investigations are being carried out to study the interaction of laser beams with various target materials.

Development of irradiation food item by the BARC

3113. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether BARC has developed irradiation food items;

(b) if so, whether this has been approved for human consumption; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irradiation techniques have been approved for spices and sea-food.

(c) Does not arise.

Complaints of discrimination by the BARC scientists

3114. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the BARC scientists that they are being discriminated against in appointments, postings and promotions by the Department of Atomic Energy; and

(b) whether relations between scientists and engineers are satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Ban on export of beach sand from Kerala and Orissa

3115. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to ban the export of special type of beach sands found in Kerala and Orissa, which are also rare earths, from which major elements in super conductors like Yttrium come?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): Bulk of Rare Earths Chloride obtained from the beach sands has, hitherto, been exported as Chloride or fluoride without separating yttrium oxide as there

has been no market in India for Rare Earths so far. In view of the importance of yttrium oxide to ceramic super conductors, Indian Rare Earth (IRE) has launched a programme of separation of yttrium oxide and upgrading the same to the high purity. The yttrium oxide thus separated will be held in stock for indigenous use to the extent needed.

Classification of a product under central excise

3116. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for classification of a product for the purpose of Central Excise;

(b) whether it is proper either for the revenue or for the assessee to go into the considerations like the end-use and selection of raw materials etc. when a particular entry speaks only of a product and does not lay any condition with respect to the end-use or selection of raw materials etc.; and

(c) when a given entry of Central Excise Tariff describes a product without attaching any condition to it, whether conformity of physical and chemical characteristics of the given product with the one prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards (ISI) is sufficient for classification of the given product in a specific Central Excise Tariff entry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Classification of a product under the Central Excise Tariff is determined according to the terms of the headings and sub-headings appearing in the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 read with the relevant Section or Chapter Notes, and, provided such headings, sub-headings or Notes do not otherwise require, according to the statutory guidelines contained in the rules for the interpretation of the Schedule.

(b) and (c) The commercial identity of a product is generally derived from its distinct name, character and use. Since goods of diverse nature are manufactured in the country, each classification issue has to be decided on merits by the proper officer of central excise keeping in view the above factors, apart from the general principles of classification outlined in reply to part (a) of the Question. Conformity of physical and chemical characteristics of a product with the one prescribed by the ISI may be of relevance, but it would not, by itself, be a conclusive factor for determining tariff classification, unless the terms of the headings or sub-headings or the relative Chapter Notes or Section Notes specifically provide for the same.

Resettlement of exservicemen

3117. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) which of the recommendations of the High Level Committee for the benefits of ex-servicemen have yet to be implemented;

(b) what is the number of services personnel retiring every year and that of those provided civilian employment after retirement; and

(c) what other steps have been taken for the welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Nine out of the 49 accepted and 5 partly accepted recommendations of the High Level Committee on Problems of Ex-servicemen (HLC) have not yet been implemented. These recommendations relate to lateral induction